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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT; ARMY HOUSING

REF: STATE 41302 AND PREVIOUS

1. UNABLE GIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AS MED HAS NOT RPT NOT YET MADE DECISIONS AND WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT HEARD FROM ALL FIRMS MENTIONED IN TELEGRAMS. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT PROJECT IS LARGE ENOUGH TO REQUIRE SEVERAL FIRMS EACH PHASE.

2. CONSULTANTS: ALTHOUGH DECISIONS WERE TO BE MADE KNOWN LAST WEEK, NOTHING HEARD TO DATE. FOLLOWING AMERICAN FIRM MADE PROPOSALS: HOLLS AND GRAFF, PRINDLE AND PATRICK, C-E TEC, A. ESPSTEIN AND SONS, WALTER KIDDE CORP., PRC NIGERIA (PLANNING RESEARCH CORP., ARLINGTON, VA). BURR TUPPER, BECHTEL CORP., 485 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK, INTERVIEWED AT MOD BUT HE INDICATED BECHTEL HEARD OF PROJECT TOO LATE TO MAKE PROPOSAL. LAST PROPOSAL MADE FEB. 12, DAY BEFORE COUP ATTEMPT, BY EPSTEIN, CHESTER LUCAS, CRS, HAD APPOINTMENT FOR FEB.13 BUT DID NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT KEEP IT. HE UNDERSTANDS FROM LAKIN-SMITH HE TOO LATE BUT MOD KEEPING CRS ON FILE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ON FEB.12 MOD HEARD PROPOSALS FROM SEVERAL NON-AMERICAN FIRMS. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT HEARD FROM LOUIS BEGRGER BUT LAGOS REP SEEMED CONFIDENT OF GAINING ACCESS WITH OUR ENDORSEMENT. WE HAVE NEVER HEARD FROM BENHAM-BLAIR AND DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW IF THIS FIRM PARTICIPATED.

3.. BUILDERS: COUP ATTEMPT PROBABLY HAS DELAYED THIS PHASE, AS AIRPORT CLOSED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS SINCE FEB.13. SO FAR

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FOLLOWING HAVE CONTACTED MOD: BARANELLO AND SONS, REYNOLDS

CONSTRUCTION, PASCOE STEEL, BLOUNT BROTHERS. NO RESULTTS AS
YET. NO WORD FROM MITCHELL HOUSING.
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